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SUBJECT: TV INTERVIEW WITH SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER

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1. IN AN INTERVIEW FOR SWEDISH TELEVISION NOVEMBER 1, SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER KARIN SODER DECLARED THAT GOS WILL LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITIES OF HELPING AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT REPRESENTATIVES FINANCE THEIR STAY IN GENEVA DURING THE TALKS ON RHODESIA. SWEDISH DIPLOMATS WHO HAVE BEEN OBSERVING THE DISCUSSIONS HAVE REPORTED THAT THE AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT DELEGATIONS LACK SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO PAY EVEN THEIR HOTEL BILLS. SODER SAID SHE HAS THEREFORE DECIDED TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING ECONOMIC SUPPORT TO THE DELEGATIONS FOR THE DURATION OF THE CONFERENCE. SODER EXPLAINED TO AMBASSADOR ON NOVEMBER 2 THAT GOS AIM IS TO HELP INSURE THAT TALKS DO NOT BREAK DOWN FOR "PRACTICAL" REASONS. SHE SAID SUCH
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ASSISTANCE WOULD BE "SUBSTANTIAL."

2. SODER, INT THE INTERVIEW, REAFFIRMED THE SWEDISH HOPE FOR A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE CONFLICT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND ADDED THAT SWEDEN WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AFTER THE GENEVA TALKS. SHE EXPLAINED, HOWEVER, THAT SHOULD ARMED STRUGGLE BE NECESSARY, SWEDEN CANNOT HELP THE LIBERATION GROUPS WITH ARMS PURCHASES BUT WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN AID.

3. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ON RECENT SPECULATION THAT SWEDES MAY POSSIBLY EXPORT NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS (REFTEL), WHICH HAS BEEN FUELED BY FACT THAT TRADE MINISTER BURENSTAM LINDER IS LEADING A DELEGATION TO TEHRAN, SODER REPLIED THAT MFA HAS NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER. SHE CONTINUED THAT, SHOULD PROSPECTS FOR SUCH SENSITIVE EXPORTS MATERIALIZE, THE MFA WOULD BE VERY MUCH INVOLVED IN THE DECISION MAKING.
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